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SUBJECT: TURNING THE PROPAGANDA OF COMPETITION INTO THE PUBLIC
DIPLOMACY OF COOPERATION

¶1. U.S. Ambassador Hoagland and Russian Ambassador Ramazan Abdulatipov jointly presented certificates to the first 15 graduates of the U.S.-funded Ministry of Interior Criminal Intelligence Analytical Center February 17 in Dushanbe. With INL funding, the United States renovated and equipped the center and paid for the Swiss-Russian firm Avicomp to provide the professional training in criminal analysis.

¶2. Ambassador Hoagland emphasized the important symbolism of U.S.-Russian cooperation to further professionalize Tajikistan's ability to fight trans-national crime. Ambassador Abdulatipov placed the cooperation within the context of President Putin's G-8 counter-terrorism initiative. A large number of Tajik, Russian, and other international journalists covered the event.

¶3. An identical U.S.-funded project is under way at Tajikistan's Drug Control Agency. It is intended that the criminal intelligence analysis program will expand to all Tajik law-enforcement and security ministries before the end of 2007. This professional upgrade will allow Tajikistan to participate in CARICC when it is eventually established in Almaty, as well as to share information with other countries in the region. The U.S.-funded country-wide Harris communication system will add microwave capability for wireless encryption data transmission to all regions of Tajikistan.

¶4. COMMENT: The joint U.S.-Russia ceremony was the brainchild of DCM Dushanbe and a result of the hard work of both DCMs. We are pleased that Ambassador Abdulatipov agreed to participate in such an event, the first time ever we have been able concretely to show U.S.-Russian security cooperation in Tajikistan. If the

Russian media report this event, it will be a small dose of
antidote against the poison of "Great Game propaganda." END
COMMENT.

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